

Parade of Elephants Focus Wall Bulletin Board RESOURCE GUIDE

Math

Big Idea
Comparing Numbers

Example

0 1 2 3 4

$1 < 4$
 $4 > 1$

Key Words
greater than
less than

Focus Wall

We can...

compare two numbers

use $<$, $>$, and $=$

Words of the Week

more

less

greater than

less than

Check out
our work!

$0 < 6$ $2 > 1$
 $3 < 4$ $5 > 7$

(Partial set is shown in use.)

Putting It Together

- Laminate the Parade of Elephants Focus Wall Bulletin Board for durability.
- The Parade of Elephants Focus Wall Bulletin Board can be displayed on a wall or bulletin board.
- Refer to the diagram above for a picture of the Parade of Elephants Focus Wall Bulletin Board.

Title Ideas

We Are a Focused Herd!

“Relephant” Information

We Are Focused on _____

Learning Parade

Facts to Remember

Activities by Subject

What is a focus wall?

A focus wall is a bulletin board designed to display the specific topics, skills, or themes currently being focused on in the classroom. Focus walls can be created for any subject but are especially well suited to language arts and math.

Benefits of a Focus Wall

- Serves as a visual aid for students
- Organizes focused content in one specific location in the classroom
- Can be used to introduce new concepts or review previous ones
- Evolves to reflect a deeper understanding of the ideas discussed as a theme or concept progresses
- Encourages the use and application of academic vocabulary
- Enables students to become independent learners by using the focus wall to answer questions as they make connections with a new concept or skill
- Allows parents, administrators, and other classroom visitors to quickly see what skills and concepts students are currently learning

Language Arts

Words of the Week Use the Parade of Elephants Focus Wall Bulletin Board to post spelling words, current sight words, or vocabulary words on the Words of the Week chart.

Reading Chart Organize the elements of a story as you teach with the Parade of Elephants Focus Wall reading chart. Students can use the graphic organizer reproducible [page 3] for independent reading assignments, or, it can be placed in reading centers.

Math

Math Chart Engage students with the Parade of Elephants Focus Wall math chart. Use the chart to introduce new lessons or overall math concepts and to provide examples of the skill. Use the chart to display and review key vocabulary terms. Students can use the graphic organizer reproducible [page 4] for independent math assignments, or, it can be placed in math centers.

All Subjects

Blank Chart The Parade of Elephants Focus Wall blank chart provides a variety of purposes for all subjects. Use a write-on/wipe-away marker to introduce the word or problem of the day or to post the steps of the scientific process when conducting science experiments. The chart can also be used to display the days left in the school year or to focus on important upcoming dates.

Elephants Use the elephant accent pieces as display tools to showcase exemplary student work, vocabulary words and definitions, and anchor charts.

Subject Headers Use the subject headers to spotlight individual subject themes and concepts in reading, math, writing, science, and social studies.

Blank Subject Headers Add additional concepts and themes in music, art, technology, and other special subjects to your focus wall with the blank subject headers.

Story Title

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Author

[Blank box for Author]

Illustrator

[Blank box for Illustrator]

Genre

[Blank box for Genre]

Reading Strategy

[Blank box for Reading Strategy]

Comprehension Skill

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